



Legislation Text

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AUTHORIZATION OF LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS (VAW), LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEM (SMALL CELL) ON A CITY STREETLIGHT WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 7977 NORTH 44TH DRIVE

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Purpose and Recommended Action

This is a request for the City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a license agreement between the City of Glendale and Verizon Wireless (VAW), L.L.C., dba Verizon Wireless, for the installation of a distributed antenna system (small cell) on a city-owned streetlight poles within public right-of-way located at 7977 North 44th Avenue.

Background

Verizon Wireless contacted the city to request permission to expand its existing network facilities in Glendale. This license will allow Verizon Wireless to install a small cell antenna on an existing city streetlight within Glendale right-of-way. The existing streetlight pole at this site is a direct bury pole, and it will be necessary for Verizon to install a new pole with a concrete base to support the additional equipment. This will result in structurally enhancing the city's existing infrastructure. Verizon Wireless's infrastructure investment in the West Valley allows them to meet their current and future clients' connection needs and the growing demand for cellular service.

Staff has developed guidelines to standardize the fees charged for distributed antenna system (small cell) license agreements moving forward as shown in the attached document. These guidelines will be followed in negotiating new licenses and renewing licenses as they expire. The fees are consistent for each site and are based upon industry standard, geographical location and comparable rates being charged to competitive wireless carriers by other local municipalities such as Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale. Each site will have an antenna base fee, plus a ground equipment fee (if applicable) for the cubic feet of equipment in the right-of-way.

Analysis

- There will be additional construction needed as a result of this action.
- There are no costs incurred by the city as a result of this action.
- This new license agreement falls within Category 1 of the guidelines, with a footprint of less than 50 cubic feet, and will be charged accordingly.
- This license agreement is for a 10-year term, with a bilateral option to extend the license agreement for an additional three, five-year extension periods.

Community Benefit/Public Involvement

Verizon Wireless's infrastructure investment in Glendale allows Verizon to meet the cellular service needs of Glendale residents.

Budget and Financial Impacts

The revenue generated from this agreement during the first 10-years of the associated license, including the 3% annual increase is projected at \$40,000. All revenue shall be deposited into the General Fund.